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SCHOOL

AND

FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BENNINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1st, 1884.

ANTRIM, N. H. :
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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

T. M. TWITCHELL, Prudential Committee. Miss Maria A. Dodge, Teacher. Length of first term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 34. Average attendance, 30. Wages of teacher, \$22.

Second term. Maria A. Dodge, Teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 38. Wages of teacher, \$32.00.

Third term. Same teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 25. Average attendance, 22. Wages of teacher, \$28.00.

This teacher has made no mistake in her calling. Her whole soul is engaged in her business. The pupils, even the smallest, are as busy as the hands in a cotton mill. She keeps them continually climbing up the hill of knowledge. There is no hanging back. Long may she live and work in our school rooms.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Miss S. Maria Taylor, Teacher. Length of term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 25. Average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, \$32.00.

Second term. D. A. Stiles, Teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 27. Average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, \$40.00.

Third term. D. A. Stiles, Teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 30. Average attendance, 26. Wages of teacher, \$40.00.

The remarks I made, in regard to Mr. Stiles as a teacher, last year hold good this, his rank in near 100. Miss Taylor who taught the first term is a teacher of much experience, her school is an uncommonly good place for scholars who go there to learn, but an uncomfortable place for those who do not. She manages her school, it cannot manage her. She is a very successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

GEO. E. COLBY, Prudential Committee. Miss Lolie P. Wason, Teacher. On account of bad roads, this school closed without an examination, but not in season to be reported. On my first visit to this school, I found a new school-house standing upon the ashes of the old one. It is a building well adapted for the purpose. The seats are like those of "Ye olden time, and I am not sure but scholars can occupy them with more comfort than they can those that are claimed to be much improved, in which scholars cannot move to the right or left for three hours without leaving their seats. In that school I found a faithful teacher and three scholars. They ought to have made great improvement during this term. The school must continue to be small for the present, but the time may come when that house will be filled with scholars. Irishmen may possess the land.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

JAMES QUIMBY, Prudential Committee. Fannie I. Lakin, Teacher. Length of term, 6 weeks. Number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 9. Wages of teacher, \$17.00.

Second term. Same teacher. Number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 9. Length of term, $5\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Wages of teacher, \$17.00.

Miss Lakin taught many successful terms of school in that district, and was always faithful as a teacher. May she meet with as good success in her new occupation.

BELOW WE GIVE THE ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1. Primary department. First term. Adam Burtt, Eva F. Gibson, Alice M. George, Nellie M. Smith.

Second term. Annie M. Woods, Nellie E. Downes, J. Harvey Balch, Adams Burtt, Clarence R. Johnson, Scott W. Knight, George G. Smith, Charles H. Smith.

Third term. Scott W. Knight, Fred L. Eaton, Harvey Balch.

Grammar Department. First term. Lottie E. Balch, Mamie A. Rogers.

Second term. Lottie E. Balch, Emma F. Twitchell. John Dodge, George Knight, James Taylor, John Eaton.

Third term. John Eaton.

DISTRICT No. 3. Second term. Bennie F. Hall, Addie V. Hall, Helen M. Quimby

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY IN EACH DISTRICT.

District No. 1.	\$405.44	District No. 3,	\$16.81
“ “ 2	63.81		

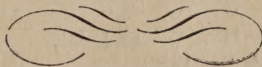
REMARKS.

In reporting upon the condition of our schools during the past year, I am happy to say that they have been successful in every district, but they might have been more so, parents, if you had done your duty. Many of you who send children to school never visit the school room. If those teachers were training your dumb beasts, your steers, or your colts, you would be there now and then to note their progress. You can see your dollars in them, but your children are only human beings, which God has given you to train for two worlds at the same time, the chances are that there is not a dollar in them that will ever reach your pockets, but your duty, your pride, your love for them, ought to be enough to create within you a greater interest in their education. The time is not far distant when your children would rather be poor with a good education, than to be rich without one. Do not let them neglect important studies, if they tell you they are not going to study grammar, do not add to their discouragement, for, when their school days are past, and they realize that they are not capable of speaking and writing good English, they will mourn over lost opportunities all their days. Be sure your boys speak pieces as often as once in two weeks, and that your girls write compositions as often, they will bless you in the future. Parents, you could revolutionize our schools by visiting them six times in three months. You could create an interest in them that has never been known, children that hate their books would love them. Those that cry to stay at home would be willing to go to school. You would know your teachers, and they would know you. You would judge them by what you know, and not by hearsay. But as it is, there is scarcely a mortal on earth that needs more sympathy than a good school teacher, his school is composed of scholars that are good, bad, and indifferent, some governed at home by love, and others with a cudgel. Children that are whipped at home to make them obey orders, will expect to go through the same performance at school. A few scholars

of that kind will ruin the progress of a school. The teacher must either make a battle field of his school room every day, let them have their own way, or turn them out of school. "He is in a tight spot". The cry is "He does not get the good will of his scholars". That is a positive impossibility in some cases, for there are scholars that never had any thing of that kind about them. To get the good will of a bad scholar the teacher must not only please him, but his father and mother and all the other relatives. Parents can often utter a few words before a child that will make them obey or disobey the teacher. Teachers are not perfect beings, but don't be to hasty in your condemnation, if you must condemn, talk to yourself, not to the children. Mothers, I mean you in particular for nature has made you for great talkers. You in a great majority of cases have more influence over the children than their fathers. It is said that the mother and the teacher make the scholar, the orator, the statesman, and theologian, the man, the woman. If this is so, mothers, certainly you ought to have "Woman's rights" a right to vote. Surely a great and noble work God has given you to perform, the training of children. Daniel Webster said "If we work upon marble it will perish, if we work upon brass time will efface it, if we rear lofty temples they will crumble into dust, but if we engrave upon the tablets of the minds of our children the principles of industry, honesty, and virtue, they will live and brighten to all eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WOODS,
Superintendent of Schools.



FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1884.

The Selectmen to the town,

DR.

To uncollected taxes on H. J. Burt's list of 1880.	\$	68 16
J. F. Dodge's list of 1882,		41 01
Due from J. F. Dodge Collector,		77 43
J. F. Dodge's list of 1883,		3954 70— \$4,141 30

CR.

By paying G. A. Whittemore, town treasurer, from J. F. Dodge's list of 1882,	\$	97 90
Abatement on " " " " "		10 05
Uncollected taxes on " " "		10 49
Error on " " of 1883,		5 00
Due from H. J. Burt's list 1880,		34 20
Abatement on " " "		33 96
From J. F. Dodge's " 1883,		3387 18
Uncollected taxes on Dodge's list, 1883,		537 36
Abatement on " " "		25 16— \$4,141 30

G. A. Whittemore, Treasurer to the town,

DR.

To Balance in Treasury March 1, 1883,	\$684 57	
Amount money received of J. F. Dodge		
Collector 1882,	97 90	
Received of J. F. Dodge Collector 1883,	3387 18	
“ from County for support of Mrs. Paige,	200 29	
“ “ “ “ “ Mrs. Colton	40 00	
“ “ “ “ of S. K. Wescott	15 00	
“ “ “ “ the Diamond family,	65 32	
“ “ “ “ Stearns “	215 07	
“ of Wesley Wilson James for Quimby		
for lot in Cemetery,	5 00	
Received of F. M. Hill for plank,	25	
“ “ State Treasurer for Railroad tax,	32 45	
From State Treasurer for Savings Bank “	514 37	
Literary fund,	50 49	
Bounty on crows,	2 80	
F. M. Twitchell for Town Hall,	32 50	
Frank Taylor for use of Hearse,	1 00	
		\$5344 19

CR.

By paying County tax,	\$381 43	
State tax,	500 00	
Non resident highway receipts,	118 21-	\$999 64

BREAKING ROADS.

Benj. Bullard,	\$ 2 80
D. O. Dodge,	1 50
Mark Rogers,	1 00
N. E. Dickey,	5 40
Levi Colby,	5 40
Moses Newton,	7 80
Geo. Woodbridge,	10 00
John Goodhue,	4 65
A. W. Eaton,	2 90
Geo. Brown,	1 35

James Quimby,	4 25	
David Roach,	4 61	
A. C. Bullard,	3 00	
S. H. Newton,	1 65	
Chas. Balch,	3 80-	\$60 11

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. Taylor work on road,	\$ 6 11	
Wm. Eaton labor on bridge,	9 50	
W. S. Carkin " " "	5 55	
Hadley Truman " " "	9 05	
E. P. Ellenwood for plank,	4 65	
Wm. Taylor showing bridge,	3 50	
William Taylor use of road machine,	6 00	
R. V. Knight labor on bridge,	6 00	
J. L. King for lumber,	49 47	
Alfred Gray labor on bridge,	12 50	
Wesley Wilson, " " "	3 00-	\$ 115 33

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

S. N. Ball, town reports,	\$ 16 00	
Dr. Anthoine returning births and deaths,	2 75	
Bounty on crows,	2 80	
G. Alfred Whitemore repairing cistern,	6 62	
Morrill and Silsby,	2 25	
W. E. Downs for books,	1 50	
Wood and lights for Town Hall,	10 47	
F. M. Twitchell Janitor of Town Hall,	15 00	
Dr. Christie, returning births and deaths,	2 00	
Chas. E. Eaton, for nails,	2 37	
W. D. Woods, writing notice,	75	
Expenses on can and water sent to Derry,	50	
A. M. Dodge, services as Librarian,	26 00	
A. M. Dodge, cleaning library room,	50-	\$89 51

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Interest on Town Bonds,	\$396 00
John W. Flagg on his note,	320 00
Mrs. Dorcas P. Flagg on her note,	280 00

Alfred Rogers on his note,	138 00	
Congregational Society,	8 00	
William Eaton,	200 00	
Mrs. Betsey Burt,	312 00	
Clara R. Whittemore,	140 00-	\$1,794 00

MONEY LENT.

John D. Butler,	\$600.00
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SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1, F. M. Twitchell	\$405 44	
“ “ 3, James Quimby,	16 81	
“ “ 2, Moses Newton,	63 81-	\$ 486 06

Money paid for building School-house in District No. 2.

Geo. E. Colby,	\$200 00
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MONEY PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

F. B. Gould, services as Supervisor,	\$ 3 00	
William Eaton, “ “ Overseer of Poor,	8 00	
William Eaton, car fare to settle with coun.,	2 50	
G. Andrew Whittemore, Town Treasurer,	25 00	
M. M. George, Town Clerk,	25 00	
F. M. Hills, Auditor 1883 report,	79	
W. D. Woods, S. S. Committee,	20 00	
William Eaton, services 1st Selectman,	42 93	
Wesley Wilson, “ 2d “	44 95	
Fred H. Kimball, “ 3d “	32 00	
John F. Dodge, Collector,	59 31	
John H. Fleming, Auditor two years,	1 50	
Francis M. Hills,	75-	\$265 73

WATERING TROUGHS.

Levi Colby,	\$3 00	
Moses Newton,	3 00	\$6 00

EXPENSE FIRE ENGINE CO.

F. B. Gould, for Alcohol,	\$ 2 15
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F. B. Gould, leather and expense to Hancock,	2 45	
F. B. Gould, for care of engine,	25 00	
F. M. Twitchell, Clerk, for paying company,	61 50	
G. Alfred Whittemore, rent of Engine House,	18 00-	\$109 10

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

For support of Mrs. M. Paige,	\$ 99 79	
“ “ “ Diamond family,	97 99	
“ “ “ Mrs. Colton,	23 50	
“ “ “ Stephen K. Wescott,	15 00	
“ “ “ Stearns family,	264 15-	\$492 43

RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts put into the Treasurer's hands from March 1st, 1883 to March 1st, 1884,	\$5,344 19`
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By paying the following sums :

Breaking roads,	\$ 60 11	
Roads and bridges, addition to highway tax,	115 33	
Miscellaneous town expenses,	89 51	
Notes and interest paid,	1,794 00	
Money lent,	600 00	
School orders,	486 06	
County tax,	381 43	
State tax,	500 00	
Non-resident highway receipts,	118 21	
For school-house in District No. 2,	200 00	
Money paid town officers,	265 73	
Watering troughs.	6 00	
Expenses of Fire Engine Co.,	109 10	
Support of paupers,	492 43	
Balance in Treasury,	126 28-	\$5,344 19

Taxes abated on Burt's list of 1880.

John D. Cooper,	\$ 4 12
Alfred Gray,	10 15

Andy Holt,	4 50	
Edward Stevens,	1 45	
Jefferson Shea,	7 69	
Lowell Stowe,	1 45	
Erank E. Whitney,	1 45	
Fred C. Bullard,	1 45	
Elvira Robinson, estate,	170-	\$33 96

Taxes abated on J. F. Dodge's of 1882.

Acrow Corage,	\$2 05	
Patrick Cody,	1 17	
Harry D. Holt,	1 17	
John Muzzey,	3 32	
Abram Smith,	1 17	
George White,	1 17-	\$10 05

Abatement on Dodge's list of 1883.

W. Frye,	\$1 65	
Harry D. Holt,	1 65	
George L. Herrick paid in Antrim,	1 65	
John Muzzey,	3 97	
Patrick Munhall,	2 31	
Arthur Smith,	1 65	
James Shea paid in Hancock,	1 65	
Joseph Stearns,	1 65	
Thompson Travis paid in Hillsborough,	1 65	
Oliver Wilson,	1 65	
Sarah West,	3 30	
Edward A. Newton, paid in Francestown,	2 38-	\$25 16

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Cong. society note, given by John Dodge,	\$ 200 00
Alfred Rogers, March 1st, 1884,	460 00
Dorcas P. Flagg, " " "	1,176 00
John W. Flagg, " " "	1,344 00
C. S. A. Hodgskins, " " "	136 01
Rachel Wilson, " " "	192 40
William Eaton, " " "	840 00

Clara R. Whittemore, " " "	588 00
Bonds March 1st, 1884,	10,000 00
Interest on Bonds uncalled for,	4 00-\$14,940 41

Against the indebtedness we have the following assets :

Uncollected taxes on Burt's list of 1880,	\$ 34 20
" " " Dodge's list of 1882,	10 49
" " " " " 1883,	537 36
S. A. Walker's note,	54 12
John D. Butler's note,	621 53
Due from the county, for support of paupers,	81 75
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	126 28-\$1,465 73
Net indebtedness, March 1st, 1884.	\$13,474 68
Indebtedness, March 1st, 1883,	\$15,064 46
" " " 1884,	13,474 68
Debt decreased during the year,	\$1,589 78

Bennington, March 1st, 1884.

This certifies that we have examined the above report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find it accurately cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. FLEMING, }
FRANCIS M. HILLS, } *Auditors.*



TOWN LIBRARY.

Your committee again have the pleasure of reporting your library in very good condition. The books were all in at the required time. When we made an examination of them, we found everything relating to the library in good condition. Mrs. Dodge, the Librarian, has performed her duty admirably and your committee cheerfully recommend that she be retained in this position. We extend our acknowledgements to Rev. G. W. Quimby D. D. of Augusta Me., Moses King and Co. of Boston, Mrs. John D. Butler and Edward Gray of our town, for their contributious of books, to Mrs. Alfred Rogers for her money gift, and all others that have in any way contributed to the welfare of this institution except our thanks.

C. H. KIMBALL,	} Library Com.
A. B. LAWRENCE,	
JOHN F. DODGE,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Cash on hand as reported Mar. 1st, 1883,	\$8 76	
Apr. 25, rec'd proceeds of Library Entertainment,	9 00	
Feb. 14, 1884, cash of Librarian,	3 50-	\$21 26

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Paid Lockwood and Co. for books,	\$15 79	
“ Express on the same,	30	
“ S. Robinson for paper to cover books	42	
“ S. N. Ball, for printing catalogues,	2 50	
Cash on hand,	2 25-	\$21 26

JOHN F. DODGE, Treasurer.

We further report that the expense of lighting the library room has been paid by the Librarian from funds received from sale of catalogues or fines to the amount of 35 cts., and now has in her change box 31 cts. All of which we respectfully submit.

C. H. KIMBALL,	} Library Com.
A. B. LAWRENCE,	
JOHN F. DODGE,	

REPORT OF THE SEXTON TO MARCH 1st, 1884.

NAME.	AGE y.m.d.	DIED. 1883.	DISEASE.	PLACE OF INTERMENT.
Andrew W. Stevens,	42 11 5	April 1	Ty'd Pneu.	Bennington.
Mrs. Martha Colton,	84 6 6	" 20	Dropsy.	"
John Muzzey,	55 7	" 28	Ty'd Pneu.	Newport.
Eva Dow,	3 19	May 28	Inanition.	Bennington.
Mrs. Julida Quimby,	76 5 21	" 27	Gastric.	"
Mrs. Fanny Gray,	82 11	Sept. 28	Old Age.	"
Mrs. Cora Miller,	18 8 23	Oct. 13	Ty'd Fever	Hillsboro'.
John Carlin,	91 6	" 25	Old Age.	Bennington.
Joseph Stearns,	37 7	" 25	Ty'd Fever	Deering.
Mrs Emma Dow,	22 1 6	Dec. 5	" "	Bennington.
Mrs. Mary Pond,	46	" 8	Erysipelas.	"

In addition to the above, the following were brought here for interment.

					Brought from.	
Mrs Mehitable Paige	92	6	Oct.	19	Old Age.	Antrim.
Mrs. Julia Fostick.	48	9 20	Nov.	7	Cancer.	Henniker.
Ed Burt,	48	8	Dec.	29	Dropsy.	Hinsdale Ill.
John G. Wilson,	9	26	"	31	Heart Dis.	Boston Mass

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANK A. TAYLOR, *Sexton.*

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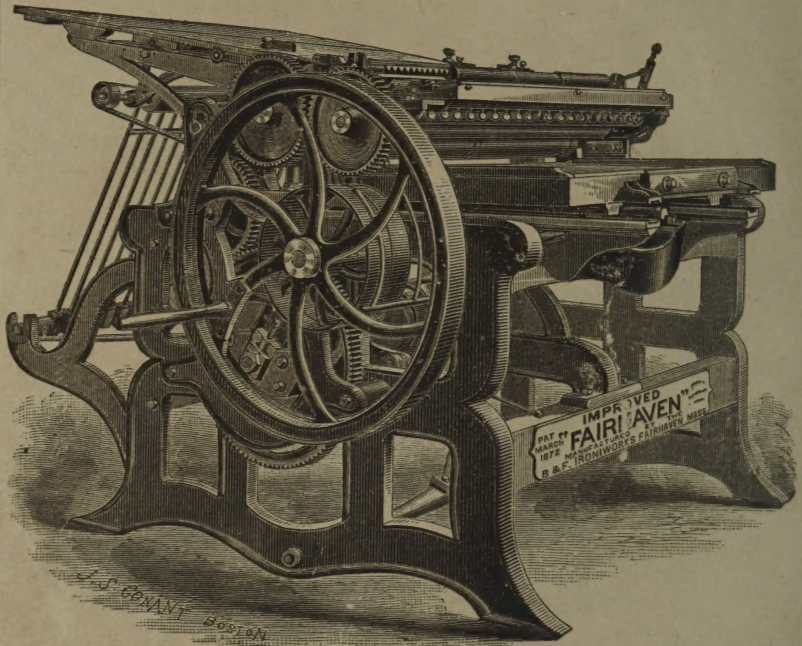
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